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SUBJECT: SINO-US Talks: Chicom Request for Meeting January 8

REF: STATE 203508

1. LO telephoned SIMONS at Embassy January 7 at 1345 and gave following message. QUOTE. On instruction, I inform you that the Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese People's Republic in Poland Mr. Lei YANG would like to meet with the American Ambassador Mr. STOESSSEL on January 8 at 1500. The place of the meeting could be the American Embassy. During the meeting the Polish language will be used. END QUOTE. Simons said he would report and call Lo back. Lo replied QUOTE I am waiting for your reply UNQUOTE.

2. On my instruction, Simons called Lo at 1500 January 7 to confirm the time, place, and language of meeting as requested by Chinese.

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3. Accompanied by Simons, I plan to meet Lei and his interpreters in reception room directly behind Marine Guard desk on second floor of Embassy. Room has been checked by Post Security Officer to ensure maximum possible security and has been refurbished.

4. In meeting with Lei Yang I will follow guidelines reftel concerning meeting site, press guidance, avoidance political exchanges or discussion of specific agenda items. If Lei Yang agrees to our previous suggestion to have formal meeting January 14 I would plan to concur. Assume any earlier date would not be feasible. Please advise if I can accept proposal by him for another date later in January, or whether I should refer his suggestion to Department.

5. Lei's acceptance of US Embassy venue for January 8 meeting appears to be at least first step toward Chinese acceptance alternation principle. If we agree on date for formal meeting in Warsaw, and if he proposes it be held at Chinese Embassy, I would plan to agree on clear

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understanding (para F reftel) that principle of alternating Embassies is acceptable.

6. If Lei Yang does not touch upon subject, and if appropriate in context discussion, should I raise question whether Chinese Ambassador expected return in near future?

7. AP and UP correspondents here as regular practice now question us several times daily on whether any developments re talks with Chinese. While we would of course say nothing in advance of January 8 meeting, and will not initiate anything thereafter, appears likely we will be questioned soon after meeting or at latest following morning. If so, we will merely confirm meeting took place and use "do not divulge contents" formula.

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